

Contraception: What's New and What's

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Natural Family Planning

- ➤ Determine ovulation by:
 - calendar method
 - ovulation method
 - basal body temperature
 - symptothermal
- Formal training is strongly encouraged
- Regular, predictable cycles not required



- > TEMPORARY method if:
 - ▶ Breast milk is sole means of nutrition
 - Menses have not returned
 - □ Infant is <6 mos old
- Schedule appointment at 4-6 months postpartum to discuss contraception
- Have back-up contraception planned



Condoms







- Counsel RE: appropriate use
 - Women should buy their own condoms
 - Avoid oil-based lubricants
 - Be gentle!
 - Natural membrane condoms do not protect against STDs
 - Store in cool dry place

Condoms

- Allergy
 - ▶ 17% healthcare workers have latex allergy
 - use polyurethane condom
 - use natural membrane condom w/ latex condom
- What if condom breaks?
 - insert spermicide
 - consider emergency contraception
- Spermicide: ? Increased HIV transmission?



Diaphragm

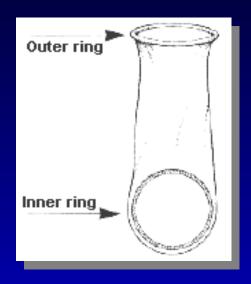


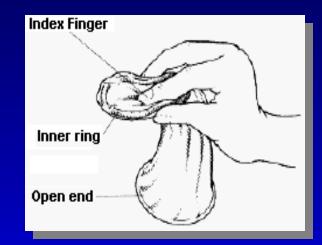


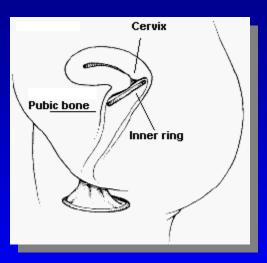
- ➤ Increased risk of UTIs
 - alteration in vaginal flora and mechanical effect
 - void after intercourse
 - consider suppressive antibiotics
- Avoid oil-based lubricants
- Cervical Cap and Sponge
- Lea's Shield



Female Condom: "Reality"









Female Condom

- Can insert up to 8 hours prior to intercourse
- Do not use with condom
- Can use spermicide, but not necessary
- Remove immediately after intercourse
- Do not reuse



Emergency Contraception





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- Three options:
 - Combined oral contraceptive: Yuzpe Method
 - Lo-Ovral 4 pills, repeat in 12 hours
 - Preven (includes urine pregnancy kit)
 - ► Plan B: Progestin only pill
 - IUD (Paragard): inserted w/in 5 days



Emergency Contraception

- Nausea
 - Use antiemetic before first dose
 - If >1 hr from dose do not need to repeat
 - Use Plan B
- Amenorrhea: r/o pregnancy
- Pregnancy: no increase in rate of fetal anomalies



- Estrogen: cycle control
 - ethinyl estradiol: 20-50 mcg
 - mestranol: 50 mcg
 - must be converted to e.e. to be active
- Progestins: contraceptive action
 - several from which to choose
 - "third generation"
 - desogestrel, norgestimate
 - drospirenone ("Yasmin")





- Absence of withdrawal bleeding
 - R/O pregnancy
 - reassurance
 - switch to newer progestin or triphasic
- Acne
 - decrease androgen effects
 - increase estrogenic effects

Combined Oral Contraceptives

- Breakthrough bleeding
 - counsel RE: missed pills, decreases after 3 mos
 - alter progestin
 - try 3rd generation
 - increase potency if midcycle bleeding
 - alter estrogen
 - increase if midcycle bleeding
 - try Estrostep if bleeding precedes menses
 - try Mircette if bleeding follows menses

Combined Oral Contraceptives

- Venous thromboembolic complications
 - ▶ increased risk if: >50 yrs, smoker, sedentary/overweight, HTN, diabetes, desogestrel ??
 - risk of DVT: 3/10,000
 - risk of stroke: 3/100,000
 - stop OCPs for 4 weeks if undergoing MAJOR surgery



- Breast cancer: slight increased risk
- Cervical cancer: slight increased risk
- Headaches: menstrual migraines
- Weight gain: no causal relationship
- Liver-inducing medications: use in combination with barrier method

Combined Oral Contraceptives

- Extended Use Oral Contraceptives
 - ➤ 63-84 active pills in a row, followed by hormone-free week (Seasonale or monophasic)
 - For women who desire fewer menstrual cycles
 - menstrual/premenstrual symptoms
 - on enzyme-inducing meds (rifampin, phenytoin)
 - heavy menstrual bleeding
 - Breakthrough bleeding: 50%



Transdermal Contraception







Transdermal Contraception

- One patch weekly for 3 weeks, followed by patch free week
- Cycle control and side effects similar to OC
- Efficacy similar to OC
- Decreased efficacy in women >90 kg. but still more effective than barriers



Vaginal Ring







- One size fits all
- Removed after 3 weeks: reliable withdrawal bleed
- Cycle control, side effects, efficacy similar to OCs
- Contraceptive efficacy drops precipitously when ring removed











- Paragard ("copper T")
 - effective for 10 years
- Progestasert (progesterone)
 - effective for one year
 - expensive as birth control option
- Mirena (levonorgestrel)
 - effective for 5 years
 - decrease in menstrual blood loss



- Expulsion: 2-10% in first year
 - missed period may be first sign
 - pt should regularly check for strings
- Pregnancy
 - related to high incidence of miscarriage
 - IUD should be removed immediately
 - if spontaneous or voluntary ab recommend prophylactic antibiotics (doxycycline)



- Bleeding/spotting
 - usually improves after 1st three months
 - examine for cause, including pregnancy
 - menorrhagia
 - ► NSAIDs
 - estrogen or OCPs
 - remove IUD for:
 - suspected endometritis
 - to r/o endometrial cancer



➤ PID

- risk highest in first 20 days after insertion
- incidence of PID NOT decreased with prophylactic antibiotics
- if women diagnosed with PID:
 - consider hospitalization
 - treat with antibiotics
 - remove IUD
- risk not increased in diabetics

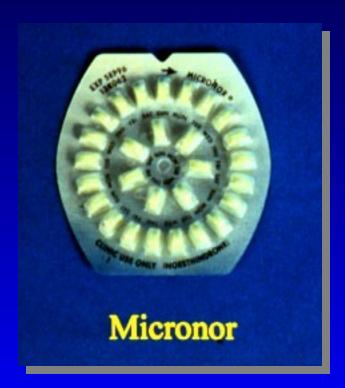


- Actinomyces on Pap
 - confirm diagnosis with pathologist
 - if symptoms of PID:
 - treat with doxycycline or ampicillin
 - remove IUD
 - U/S to R/O abscess
 - if asymptomatic can repeat Pap and treat if actinomyces persists



Progestin-Only Pills

Unforgiving of late or missed pills





Depo-Provera

- Depot medroxyprogesterone acetate
- No dosage adjustment for weight or concomitant drugs (eg antiepileptics)
- Suppression o decrease in bo





- Schedule injections every 12 weeks
- Develop protocol if patient late, eg:
 - check pregnancy test
 - use back-up contraception or abstain for 2 wks
 - repeat pregnancy test
- No known risk of fetal effects



- Menstrual irregularities
 - most common reason to discontinue
 - cycle with estrogen or OCPs
 - NSAIDs
- Weight gain
- Delay in return of fertility

Lunelle

- Monthly injection of estradiol valerate and medroxyprogesterone acetate
- Monthly withdrawal bleeding pattern
- Injection every 28 days (+/- 5 days)
- More rapid return to fertility than Depo-Provera



Norplant

